THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cauvery-Delta Modernisation Scheme

2581. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are considering the Cauvery delta modernisation scheme for the benefit of Southern States;

(b) if so, what are the modalities of the scheme; and

(c) whether the concerned States have considered the scheme under the guidelines given by the Central Government and if so, what is the out-come thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The project report on Cauvery Delta modernisation Rhase I received in the Central Water Commission envisages modernisation of the irrigation system to cover an area of 70,000 hectares at an estimated cost of Rs. 102.50 crores and involves inter-State aspects concerning sharing of Cauvery river waters. The scheme was considered at inter-State meeting recently convened by the Centre but no consensus could be reached at among the concerned States. The Tamil Nadu Government has been requested to identify the quantum of savings in water use on account of the modernisation project.

Diversion of Self-Financing Scheme Funds for the Construction of a Hotel

2582. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in October, 1979 Rs. 18 crores collected by the Delhi Development Authority under the Self-financing Scheme was diverted for construction of a five star hotel for the ASIAD which has remained in complete;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tenders were invited from the hoteliers in May & July 1982 and in July, 1985 to manage the hotel;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for diverting the amount collected under the Self-financing Scheme for hotel construction and to what extent the housing scheme has been delayed as a consequence thereof;

(d) whether any decision has been taken by Government with regard to the tenders received for the management of the hotel; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above in the negative; what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Tenders were invited from the hoteliers in May, 1982. Fresh offers were invited in July, 1982 after adding office/shopping arcade comprising 47 units. Based on these tenders, ITC was approached to take up the same. They showed their inability in Febrauary, 1984 on the grounds that there had been lot of changes during the intervening period. Therefore, fresh tenders were invited in July, 1984 (and not July, 1985).

(c) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.

(d) and (e) No decision has been taken in the matter. Various suggestions are under consideration.

Drinking Water and Sanitation Facility in Villages

2583. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target fixed during 1981 to 1985 for providing drinking water to all rural areas and for extension of sewage and sanitation facilities have not been fulfilled;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the target for the rural areas of the districts of Vadodara, Surat, Valsad, Goodhara Breach and other backward and adivasi areas of Gujarat from 1981 to 1985; and

(d) what target has been fixed for the above districts for the years 1986 and 1987 and what steps Government proposes to take to fulfil the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) A massive programme for providing safe drinking water facilities in the rural areas was launched during the Sixth Five Year Plan. As against a target of 2.31 lakh programme villages, 2.39 lakh villages, including 1.92 problem villages were provided drinking water during the Sixth Plan.

Rural Sanitation is a State subject and it is for the States to formulate and implement schemes. There was no Central scheme under which target could be fixed. According to the National Master Plan for Decade Programmes the percentage of populatiton coverage was expected to be raised from 0. 5 per cent in 1981 to 0.95 per cent in 1985. The recent Mid-Term Decade Review has, however, indicated that the achievement by 1985 would be only about 0.72 per cent of population.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected from the State Government.

National Housing Finance Institutiton

2584. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1081 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1985 and state by when the National Housing Finance Institutiton is likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The proposal to set up a National Housing Bank is yet to be finalised.

Licences for New Sugar Mills

2585. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of licences for establishing of new sugar mills were granted during 1980—85;

(b) if so, what is the number;

(c) the names of the private firms/companies including the cooperative sector which have been granted licences for new sugar mills during the above period; and

(d) what is the production capacity of these sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):

(a) and (b) Sixty Letters of Intent/Licences were granted for establishing new sugar mills during the Sixth Five Year Plan (1980-85);

(c) and (d) A statement giving the names of factories in private and co-operative sector along with their installed annual sugar production capacity is attached.

[*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 47].

Condoning loans of formers in flood drought affected States

2586. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the flood/drought affected State Governments have approached the Central Government for permission from the Reserve Bank of India to condone the loans of small farmers who have borrowed money from the cooperative institutions; and

(b) if so, what is Government's decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No State Government has approached this Ministry for seeking condonation of loans of small farmers from cooperative institutions during this year. However, there are